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- 1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, GOI, WILL GRANT AUTHORIZATION FOR OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH TO BE CONDUCTED BY R/V EASTWARD ON RECEIPT OF CONFIRMTION THAT THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC CONDITIONS WILL BE ADHERED TO:
- A) THAT ALL OPERATIONS WHICH IN ANY WAY INVOLVE THE OCEAN FLOOR (SUCH AS DRAGGING, CORE BORING, ANCHORAGE, PLACING OF BUOYS, ETC.) AND THOSE CONCERNED WITH BOTTOM SAMPLING, FIRST BE CLEARED BY MEANS OF COMMUNICATING WELL AHEAD OF TIME THE GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES OF ALL POINTS AND LINES RELATIVE TO ABOVE OPERATIONS;
- B) THAT SEISMIC RESEARCH BE CARRIED OUT BY MEANS OF CURRENTLY USED METHODS, SUCH AS AIRGUNS, VAPORSHOCK AND SIMILAR MEANS; THAT THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES BE CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED; THAT THE SEISMIC LINES TO BE TRACED BE SHOWN ON A MAP OF APPROPRIATE UNCLASSIFIED

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C) THAT THE STARTING DATES, EVENTUAL INTERRUPTIONS AND THE TERMINATIONS OF BOTH THE SEISMIC RESEARCH AND THE BOTTOM SEMPLING OPERATIONS BE COMMUNICATED IN ADVANCE TO THE ISP. GEN. TEL. OF THE MINISTRY OF POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS;

D) THAT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED UNDER POINT C) BE TRANSMITTED ALSO TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE - NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF, WHO IN TURN WILL TAKE MEASURES TO INFORM SHIPPING; THAT ONCE RESEARCH WAS UNDERWAY, BOTH THE COMMAND OF THE MARITIME DEPARTMENT AND THE MILITARY MARITIME COMMAND BE KEPT ABREAST OF ALL PROGRESS MADE WITHIN THEIR TERRITORIAL ZONES;

E) THAT COPIES OF ALL DATA COLLECTED WITHIN TERRITORIAL WATERS BE TRANSMITTED TO MARIDROGRAFICO OF GENOA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW 2.2.68 N.60.

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